

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the blend ratio of glutathione in the liniment, on a dry basis, is 0.01-10.0 wt%.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein said liniment is in a form of a member selected from the group consisting of ointment, cream, emulsion, lotion, facial pack and bath additive.

15. A method of treatment for alleviating a reduction in immune functions due to contact of the skin by ultraviolet light, comprising applying to the skin before or during exposure to ultraviolet light a composition consisting essentially of glutathione and a cosmetic carrier, the blend ratio of glutathione in the composition, on a dry basis, being 0.005-20.0 wt%.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the blend ratio of glutathione in the composition, on a dry basis, is 0.05-10.0 wt%.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein the cosmetic carrier is in a form of a member selected from the group consisting of ointment, cream, emulsion, lotion, facial pack and bath additive.

#### REMARKS

Appreciation is hereby expressed to Examiner Francisco Pratts for the consideration of applicants' arguments and discussion of the issues. Pursuant to that rejection, Claims 19 and 20 have been canceled and the remaining Claims 1-4 and 15-17 presented in a clean format. The present response is believed not to introduce new matter. Claims 1-4 and 15-17 remain in the application.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claims 1-4 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by